THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The growth rate declined in 1941—51 as well.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) and (e) An Action Plan has been formulated that consists of improving the quality and outreach of services; promotion of spacing methods among young couples; special focus in 90 demographically backward districts; involving voluntary and non-governmental organisations to promote community participation; stregthening of interventions to promote maternal and child health care; and reorienting information. Education & Communication activities for promoting awareness towards adopting the small family norm.

Deaths Due to the Callousness of the Doctors in Hospitals

1127. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Administration has instituted enquiry into the deaths due to the callousness of the doctors in various hospitals in Delhi;

(b) if so, whether enquiry was conducted by the medical experts;

(c) if so, what are the findings;

(d) whether it is also a fact that there is great negligence in various hospitals, and

(e) if so, what are the remedial measures being considered by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) to (c) Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi have conducted enquiries in some cases through medical experts on the basis complaints received or newspaper reports. In 4 such enquiries recently conducted no case of negligence was observed.

(d) No, Sir.

(e) Does not arise.

Negligence of Nagpur Medical College in Blood Transfusion

1128. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that blood bank at Nagpur Medical College has given blood transfusion to four patients without proper test of AIDS;

(b) whether it is also a fact that some of the doctors of the Medical College have been arrested for the act of negligence; and

(c) whether Government would consider the AIDS affected people for adequate Compensation?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir. Two doctors and two technicians concerned have also been suspended. Two temporary technicians have been removed from service.

(c) No such proposal is under consideration.

Water-borne diseases in the resettlement colonies of East Delhi

1129. SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that water-borne diseases such as cholera are assuming epidemic proportions in the resettlement colonies of East Delhi, particularly Kalyanpuri and Trilokpuri;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Municipal dispensaries and medical health services are not available in these areas;

(c) if so, what steps Government propose to take to improve the situation and permanently solve the medical problems of the residents of resettlement colonies; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Improvement of Health Services in the country

1130. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to a report published in the Times of India dated the 8th July, 1993 captioned "Health Services on the decline" as per the